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Mr. George Hartenstein, Director  
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Dear Mr. Hartenstein:

One of the requirements of the underground storage tank (UST) and leaking underground storage tank (LUST) program cooperative agreements between the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the need for state program staff to stay informed about the latest EPA program guidance and policies. The Region III All-States Meeting and LUST Technical Conference provide ideal opportunities for your staff and managers to openly communicate with other state agencies and EPA about common issues and best practices in the UST and LUST programs.

Because state attendance at these events is a grant requirement, EPA expects that PADEP will have an appropriate number of staff in attendance. Since non-travel costs associated with state attendance are incorporated into the cooperative agreement budgets, no additional state funds beyond the statutory match are required.

At this time, the following EPA events are scheduled in the 2014 calendar year:

- **Region III All-States Meeting:** May 13–14, 2014 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- **LUST Technical Conference:** Tentatively planned for Fall 2014

If you have questions or concerns regarding this letter, please Rick Rogers at 215-814-5711 or email at [rogers.rick@epa.gov](mailto:rogers.rick@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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